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## Apr. 2010 Minutes

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**APRIL 21, 2010 MEETING**

**SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON**  
**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Marc Breslow, Michael Costa, Shelly Dein, Elizabeth Karpati, Linda Malik, Gail McCormick, Brucie Moulton.

**Facilitator:** Gail McCormick **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**Next meetings:** Wed. May 19, Thurs. June 17, Tues. July 20, Wed. Aug. 18,  
 Thurs. Sept. 23, Wed. Oct. 20, Thurs. Nov. 18, Wed. Dec. 15.  
 All 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

- **Coming events:**

- Community Collection Day, Sat., May 1, at DPW Yard; EcoFest, Sun., May 2, 11-3, at Town Hall: both could use some volunteers.
- Other May 1 events: Cleanup and kite flying at Robbins Farm Park, 9-1; Earth Day events at Menotomy Rocks Park, 1-3.

- **Committee reports:**

- **Green Communities Act:** Three relevant articles (#8, 9, 14) will come before Town Meeting, which starts next Monday. Shelly will put an information sheet about the Stretch Code (#14) on members' chairs for the Monday meeting. There is also an information meeting on the Stretch Code at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at Town Hall.
- **Composting:** SA will have information at EcoFest. Composting for restaurants has run into a problem: disposal as trash is cheaper now than having refuse hauled away by Save That Stuff for composting. Small restaurants that discard less than the minimum amount could pool their compostables. Idea for the future: arrangements for individuals who want to compost but don't have a back yard.
- **Bus shelters:** Selectmen are unanimously in favor. Possible sites are now being chosen. The MBTA has data on which stops are used by enough people to warrant a shelter.
- **Infrastructure:** Charlotte has met with Jane Howard, Vision 2020 co-chair, who is not enthusiastic about the proposed structure since other Vision 2020 task groups and committees are not so formally organized.
- **Outreach** sent letters in early April to people who expressed interest in SA via the census survey. Some outreach could be done by resubmitting to the *Arlington Advocate* some articles that were run years ago and would be new to many readers. Brucie asks to be kept up-to-date about committee activities via copies of committee e-mails. She will check into simplifying signing up for the SA Yahoo group.

- **Energy Solutions Fair** in the fall: this topic was deferred to the May meeting.